



MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL DEVICES POLICY

This policy is implemented in line with the Department for Education Student use of mobile phone and personal devices policy that applies to all government schools. It provides direction to students, staff and families about managing personal devices that a student chooses to bring to school.

Personal devices include

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches
- Digital devices that can send or receive messages and or calls
- Digital devices that are able to connect to the internet
- Laptops or iPads that are not owned by the school and are not under a separate Bring Your Own Devices agreement

Mobile Phones/ Personal Devices at School

Students cannot use or access their mobile phones or personal devices at school during school hours. The Department and school recognise that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring personal devices to school including:

- To ensure safety whilst travelling
- So that parents can contact them outside of school hours

If mobile phones / personal devices are brought to school, they must be turned off and stored in school bags.

Exemptions

In exceptional circumstances an individual may require access to a mobile phone or personal device at school, for example:

- To monitor or manage a health condition
- As a negotiated adjustment to a learning program for a student with a disability

Please contact the school to apply for an exemption due to exceptional circumstances.

What will happen if the personal device policy is not followed?

If students use personal devices without permission a response will be provided in line with the school behaviour code of conduct. Examples could include storing the device in the front office for the remainder of the day and / or parent contact.

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